

NORTH CAROLINA TURNPIKE AUTHORITY MINUTES
JANUARY 19, 2005 MEETING
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

Chairman Tippettt called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m. in the Board Room of the Transportation Building. He welcomed all to the January North Carolina Turnpike Authority meeting. Board Member Perry Safran was absent. Mr. Safran intended to join the meeting by cell phone; however, due to the inclement weather, the cell phone networks were overloaded and the numerous attempts to make contact were unsuccessful. Chairman Tippettt read the Governor's ethics statement.

Chairman Tippettt presented the December minutes for approval. The December minutes were approved as presented.

Chairman Tippettt called for committee reports.

Chairman Tippettt began with the Executive Committee by stating that the Turnpike Authority would address the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee on January 20 to propose that Legislation be changed to allow up to six projects to be developed as toll projects. Board Member Lanny Wilson made a motion to seek legislative approval, which was seconded by Board Member Robb Teer. The Board voted unanimously in favor of this proposal. Chairman Tippettt announced upcoming IBTTA meetings to the Board members.

Board Member Bob Spencer reported that the Finance Committee did not meet; however, the committee would like to have Tom Bradshaw from CitiBank to attend the February meeting to discuss financing issues.

Board Member Allan Dameron reported that the Personnel Committee would meet February 11 to discuss personnel issues, which will be a closed session.

Board Member John Culbertson reported that the Plans and Programs Committee would like to start the process of determining the role of the general engineering consultant (GEC) will be. Mr. Culbertson stated that the committee would reach out to IBTTA and other toll road industry contacts for guidance on how to proceed in this area. He added that it is hoped that some projects to study will be chosen soon, and made a motion that HNTB, create a presentation or seminar concerning public/private partnerships as an alternate means for project delivery. The Board voted unanimously in favor of this motion.

Chairman Tippettt thanked each committee for their work and involvement and added that the floor was open to any issues raised.

Mr. Wilson asked if June 15 had been confirmed for holding a public input meeting in Greensboro for the I-73/I-74 project. NCDOT staff engineer Mike Stanley said the date would be presented to Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation (PART) board of trustees to approve that date.

Chairman Tippettt stated that it is hoped that the General Assembly will be quick acting with the proposal that will advance legislation so that project selection announcements could be made in February.

Chairman Tippettt noted that John Sullivan with the FHWA was in attendance and asked if anyone had any questions of him. No other issues were raised.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

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